[Mr. V. Chellam Pillai.]

(*e*) whether they are aware that buses in South Travancore generally take more time for their journey than is allowed for them ; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes. The timings allotted to the buses are availed of regularly. But sometimes a time may not be used by a bus for a day or two owing to mechanical defects in the buses. No time is permanently unused by any bus.

(*c*) Timings are not being refused.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The question does not arise.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Sir, with regard to the answer to part (*e*) of the question, I wish to know whether the answer is based on the actual examination of the records or from reports and enquiries?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer is based on the report of the Police Commissioner. He must have enquired into the matter. Government have no information at present whether the Police Commissioner has enquired into the matter or not.

Repairs to the Pappanankod-Kottur Road.

289. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : (1) Are the Government aware :

(*a*) that for about 4 miles from the 1st to the 5th milestone along the Pappanankod-Kottur road in the Neyyattinkara taluk the road is in a very miserable condition ; and

(*b*) that the said road is one having a fairly large passenger and goods traffic?

(2) Will they be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any petition from the people of Vilappil, Vilavurkal, Marukil, Malayinkil, Kattakada, etc., urging the immediate need for improving and metalling the same as also for effecting immediate improvement to the old, dilapidated and tottering wooden bridge at Vilavurkal ;

(*b*) whether the matter has also not been brought to the notice of the Government in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly by a member for Neyyattinkara during the recent Sessions of the Assembly ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (2) (*b*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken thereon?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) (*a*) The Chief Engineer reports that, owing to heavy rains, the road beyond the first mile, which is not metalled, got slushy in spite of attention being paid to it in the way of repairs with the existing maintenance grant.

(*b*) Yes.

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(2) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The worst portions, *i. e.*, miles 6 to 9 are being metalled, and the other portions will be taken up for improvement later on.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to part (*c*), my question was:

"If the answer to part 2 (*b*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken thereon." The answer is that "the worst portion *i. e.*, miles 6 to 9 are being metalled and the other portion will be taken up for improvement later on." May I take it that no action was taken on the representation of the people so far as the portion of the road from the 1st mile stone to the 6th mile stone was concerned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has called for an estimate for metalling the portion of the road from miles 1 to 5.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Then my question in part 2 (*a*) was also regarding the improvement of the old, dilapidated and tottering wooden bridge at Vilavurkal. There is no answer to that part.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer covers both the parts.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the reply given is in regard to the bridge also?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The question was' if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative' and not "if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative."

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Was it based upon 2 (*a*)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is given in respect of 2 (*b*) alone.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to part (*c*) my question is "what is the action taken on the representation"?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Regarding the bridge as well as the road?

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Yes.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no specific information in the papers before me.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the information be called for?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Particulars re Kollappalli, Paika, etc., in Minachil Taluk.

290. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Are the Government aware that Kollapalli, Paika, Kidangur, Kozhuvanal, Uazhavur, Cherpunkal, Pravittanam and Kurumannur in the Minachil taluk are thickly populated centres with markets and trade?

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